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Wolf Pen Creek: Something for Everyone

A vision that began in 1987 as an answer to the unsightly drainage way through the center of College Station is now a popular venue for adults, children and wildlife enthusiasts alike.

With yearly events ranging from Brazos Valley Worldfest to Duck Jam, Wolf Pen Creek has become a destination for family fun in Bryan-College Station.

Over the course of 17 years, Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater has hosted more than 300 events and 632,000 guests, by far making it Aggieland's favorite outdoor concert destination. Artists who have performed at Wolf Pen Creek include Tim McGraw, Willie Nelson, Pat Green, Robert Earl Keen and many more. A big part of the success is the Starlight Music Series, which has drawn nearly 270,000 concert-goers over eight seasons.

THE AMPHITHEATER

Celebrate with a larger crowd at the Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater, available for hosting company picnics, fundraisers, talent shows and even concerts. The amphitheater accommodates up to 7,500

people or groups as small as 300.

Rental of this facility includes all outdoor areas inside the fenced parameter.

THE PLAZA

Appropriate for more intimate outdoor gatherings such as family reunions, birthday parties and small concerts, the plaza accommodates up to 250 people.

Rental includes a small pavilion, the concessions patio area, six picnic tables and public restrooms.

THE GREEN ROOM

Now available for social functions, meetings, retreats and trainings, the unique Green Room will host a group of 48 in an auditorium configuration or 24 in a boardroom setting. By evening the building is easily transformed into an intimate setting for formal dinners, banquets and cocktail parties.

The facility features a balcony overlooking Wolf Pen Creek, space for formal catering prep, a full-sized refrigerator and an ice machine.

Wolf Pen Creek has established a remarkable reputation for quality shows, clean beautiful grounds and down-home hospitality to both performers and guests.

For more information on upcoming events or rental capabilities and prices at Wolf Pen Creek, call 979.764.6385.

For more on Wolf Pen Creek, visit:

cstx.gov/wolfpen

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Need A Summer Job?

Looking for a job with decent pay, flexible schedules and the possibility of future summer employment? CS Aquatics is recruiting lifeguards for the summer 2010 season! No prior certification is required. Visit csjobs.cstx.gov for more.

Green Mini-Seminars -----

The City of College Station's Recycling Program is hosting several free green mini-seminars for residents and students. These seminars will take place in the new Public Works Office located on the second floor of the College Station Municipal Court, located at 300 Krenek Tap Road, at 6 p.m. Remaining topics and dates are as follows:

Environmental Volunteering Opportunities

On May 14, organizations that seek volunteers in the recycling field will be available for a meet and greet.

Meet the Professionals

On June 11, come and visit with the area's top professionals in recycling, sustainability and water conservation. Professionals will talk about the aspects of their jobs and take questions. The session will be very informal, relaxed and informative.

To sign up for these classes, please visit cstx.gov/recycle or call 979.764.6228.

2010 Seniors Expo -----



The ninth annual Seniors EXPO will be held on Wednesday, May 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Brazos Center in Bryan.

The Seniors EXPO was designed to introduce older adults to the "senior friendly" businesses, organizations and activities in the Brazos Valley. More than 80 vendor booths will be set-up to provide information

on retirement, volunteer opportunities, health and leisure activities and more. There will be demonstrations, seminars, live entertainment and door prizes. The event is free to all visitors.

The College Station Parks and Recreation Department, Senior Services, invites you to visit their booth at the EXPO.

For more information on the Seniors EXPO, please contact Senior Services Coordinator Marci Rodgers at 979.764.6371.

Sun Source Solar Energy Rebate Program -----

College Station Utilities is now offering a rebate for photovoltaic solar installations to their electric utility residential and commercial customers.

For an average residential customer in College Station, a solar energy system may produce 10 percent to 15 percent of the home's annual energy needs. The size of the solar installation chosen will depend on the amount of the investment that you are willing to make, the rate of return that you expect on your investment and the amount of unobstructed roof space that is available. Deed covenants and restrictions in your neighborhood with regard to solar energy systems may prohibit you from installing a solar installation without approval of your homeowners association.

To be a good candidate for a solar installation, there must be unobstructed, non-shaded roof area at an orientation other than north. It requires roughly 120 square feet of roof space for each kW or 1,000 watts that will be produced. Solar energy systems will range in cost from \$6 to \$10 per watt or \$6,000 to \$10,000 per kW. Therefore, the cost to install a 4 kW system could range from \$24,000 to \$40,000.

To qualify for a College Station Utilities Sun Source solar energy rebate it will be necessary to interconnect your solar system to the College Station electrical grid. College Station Utilities Sun Source PV Rebate Program will rebate the customer \$3 per AC watt installed up to 4 kW, or a maximum rebate of \$12,000. Should you decide to include battery storage, the additional cost for the battery system will not be covered by the rebate.

If you've been considering a solar energy system, let us help you determine if harnessing the sun's power makes sense for your home or business.

Visit cstx.gov/utilities for a candidate checklist to assist you in your consideration or for more information, contact Pat McIntyre at 979.764.6343 or pmcintyre@cstx.gov.

PARKS & RECREATION Registration Start Dates

April 19
Summer Tennis

April 26
Adult Softball

May 3
Adult Volleyball

May 3
Summer Swim Lessons

May 17
Challenger Bowling

May 17
Summer Water Fitness

Register at the Stephen C. Beachy Central Park Office located at 1000 Krenek Tap Road, by calling 979.764.3486 or at parksweb.cstx.gov.